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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A carrier comprising a sheet having a first portion and a second portion; a preformed retainer in said first portion ~~for containment of product~~, said retainer comprising a pocket or a hole ~~therein~~ in said first portion; a fold in said second portion such that the second portion is foldable towards the retainer to form a cover ~~therefor~~ for said retainer; and a join between said cover and the retainer, wherein said retainer is present in said first portion and suitable for receipt of product prior to being covered with said second portion, and wherein said retainer is present in said first portion and suitable for containment of a product after said retainer is exposed.
2. (Original) A carrier according to claim 1, wherein said sheet comprises an elongate strip.
3. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, wherein said hole additionally comprises a seal applied thereto.
4. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1 comprising a plurality of retainers in the first portion, wherein the second portion is foldable towards said plurality of retainers to form a cover therefor; and a join between said cover and the plurality of retainers.
5. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, additionally comprising a fold in said first portion such that the first portion is foldable towards the retainer to form a base therefor; and a join between said base and the retainer.
6. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, additionally comprising an inert support within the retainer for bearing product thereon.

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7. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a second fold in the second portion to form a pull release tab.

8. (Original) A carrier according to claim 7, wherein said pull release tab is shaped for ease of grip.

9. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 7, wherein the pull release tab has a looped end.

10. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 7, wherein said pull release tab has at least one perforation therein.

11. (Previously presented) A carrier in multi-unit form comprising a series arrangement of a plurality of carriers according to any claim 1.

12. (Original) A carrier according to claim 11, wherein each of said plurality of carriers is connected together.

13. (Original) A carrier according to claim 12, wherein each of the plurality of carriers is formable from the same sheet or elongate strip.

14. (Original) A carrier according to claim 13, wherein said sheet or elongate strip has a point of weakness between each carrier in said series arrangement.

15. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, wherein the sheet or elongate strip is flexible.

16. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, wherein the sheet or elongate strip comprises material selected from the group consisting of metal foil, an organic polymeric material and paper.

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17. (Original) A carrier according to claim 16, wherein the carrier comprises a laminate.

18. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, wherein the join is formable by a joining method selected from the group consisting of heat, laser, radio frequency, adhesive, staple, stamp, pressure and ultrasonic sealing.

19. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, wherein the join is peelable to enable peelable access to the retainer.

20. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, wherein the retainer is shaped for receipt by a holder.

21. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a medicament therein.

22. (Original) A carrier according to claim 21, wherein said medicament is in dry powder, tablet, liquid, paste, cream or capsular form.

23. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 21, wherein the medicament is selected from the group consisting of albuterol, salmeterol, ipratropium bromide, fluticasone propionate and beclomethasone dipropionate and salts or solvates thereof and any mixtures thereof.

24. (Previously presented) An inhalation device comprising a housing in combination with a carrier as claimed in claim 21.

25. (Original) An inhalation device according to claim 24, wherein said housing includes a holder for receipt of the retainer of the carrier.

26. (Previously presented) An inhalation device according to claim 24, wherein the carrier comprises a pull release tab and the pull release tab protrudes from the housing.

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27. (Original) An inhalation device according to claim 26, wherein the inhalation device comprises a release mechanism and the pull release tab connects to the release mechanism.

28. (Original) An inhalation device according to claim 27, wherein said release mechanism is separable from the housing.

29. (Currently amended) A method of making a carrier comprising:

- (a) forming a retainer, comprising a pocket or hole ~~therein~~, in a first portion of a sheet or elongate strip, said first portion defining a lip portion which defines the opening to said retainer said retainer being present in said first portion throughout the useful life of the sheet or elongate strip;
- (b) filling said retainer with product;
- (c) folding a second portion of said sheet or elongate strip towards the retainer to form a cover therefor; and
- (d) forming a join between said cover and the retainer.

30. (Previously amended) A method according to claim 29 comprising forming a plurality of retainers in a said portion of said sheet or elongate strip; filling said plurality of retainers with product; folding a second portion of the sheet or elongate strip towards the plurality of retainers to form a cover therefor; and forming a join between said cover and the plurality of retainers.

31. (Previously presented) A method of making a carrier in multi-unit form comprising successive iterations of the method according to claim 29 to form a series arrangement of a plurality of carriers.

32. (Previously presented) A method of opening a carrier as claimed in claim 7 comprising pulling the pull release tab in order to enable access to the retainer.

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33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously amended) A carrier according to claim 86, wherein said medicament comprises a medicament selected from the group consisting albuterol, salmeterol, ipratropium bromide, fluticasone propionate, and beclomethasone dipropionate, and salts or solvates thereof, and mixtures thereof.

35. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising an electronic component therein.

36. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a food therein.

37. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 36, wherein said food is selected from the group consisting of meat, mycoprotein, milk, cheese, flour, pasta, rice, oil, sugar, confectionery, vegetable, herbal, snack, convenience and fruit foodstuffs.

38. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a beverage therein.

39. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 38, wherein said beverage is selected from the group consisting of water, milk, coffee, cocoa, tea, fruit, carbonated and alcoholic drinks.

40. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a toiletry therein.

41. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 40, wherein said toiletry is selected from the group consisting of toothpaste, soap, mouthwash, shampoo, skin and face cream.

42. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a cleanser therein.

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43. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 42, wherein said cleanser is selected from the group consisting of soap, detergent, enzymic preparation and organic solvent.

44. (Previously presented) A carrier according claim 1, comprising a disinfectant therein.

45. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 44, wherein said disinfectant is selected from the group consisting of sterilant, antiseptic and bleach.

46. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a light-sensitive material therein.

47. ((Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 46, wherein said light-sensitive material comprises a photographic film.

48. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a marking material therein.

49. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 48 wherein said marking material is selected from the group consisting of toner, ink, dye, pigment, acid and alkali.

50. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a covering material therein.

51. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 50, wherein said covering material is selected from the group consisting of paint, pigment, dye, corrosion inhibitor, electrical conductor, electrical insulator and static inhibitor.

52. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a toy therein.

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53. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 52, wherein said toy is selected from the group consisting of model, figure, doll, animal, jigsaw and game.

54. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising haberdashery therein.

55. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 54, wherein said haberdashery is selected from the group consisting of button, bobbin, needle, pin, eye, hook and fastener.

56. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a tool therein.

57. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 56, wherein said tool comprises a domestic tool.

58. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 57, wherein said domestic tool is selected from the group consisting of can opener, bottle opener, ring-pull opener, scissors, knife, fork and spoon.

59. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 56, wherein the tool comprises a home maintenance tool.

60. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 59, wherein said home maintenance tool is selected from the group consisting of nail, screw, pin, wire, screwdriver, knife, brush, spanner, ruler and marker.

61. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising stationery therein.

62. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 61, wherein said stationery is selected from the group consisting of pencil, pen, ruler, crayon, eraser, marker, stencil, protractor, compass and paper.

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63. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising an adhesive therein.

64. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 63, wherein said adhesive bonds materials selected from the group consisting of paper, plastic, wood, rubber, glass and metal.

65. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising an agrochemical therein.

66. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 65, wherein said agrochemical is selected from the group consisting of herbicide, insecticide, fungicide, rodenticide, nematocide, acaricide and plant growth regulator.

67. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a plant seed therein.

68. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 67, wherein said seed is derived from plants selected from the group consisting of monocotyledonous and dicotyledonous plants.

69. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a contraceptive therein.

70. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 69, wherein said contraceptive is either a contraceptive device or a contraceptive drug.

71. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 70, wherein said contraceptive device is selected from the group consisting of condom, diaphragm, sponge and coil.

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72. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 70, wherein said contraceptive drug is selected from the group consisting of spermicide, estrogen, ethinyl estradiol, progesterone, levonorgestrel and norgestrel.

73. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a medical instrument therein.

74. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 73, wherein said medical instrument is selected from the group consisting of scalpel, thermometer and syringe.

75. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising laboratory equipment therein.

76. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 75, wherein said equipment is selected from the group consisting of dispenser tip, microbial filter, filter paper, aseptic container, petri-plate, vial, test tube, tissue-culture vessel and pipette.

77. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising a catemenial product therein.

78. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 77, wherein said catemenial product comprises a tampon.

79. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 1, comprising nicotine therein.

80-82. (Cancelled)

83. (Currently amended) A carrier according to claim 3621, wherein said medicament comprises albuterol sulfate.

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84. (Previously presented) A method of making a carrier according to claim 29; additionally comprising a fold in said first portion such that the first portion is foldable towards the retainer to form a base therefor; and a join between said base and the retainer.

85. (Previously presented) A carrier of claim 21 wherein said medicament is used in the treatment of respiratory disorders.

86. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 85, wherein the medicament is used in the treatment of asthma.

87. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 35, wherein said electronic component is selected from the group consisting of semi-conductor, integrated circuit chip, fuse and battery.